

Service Delivery

Table 2.F7.—Accuracy rates and use of 800 telephone number, fiscal years 1995-98

Item	1995	1996	1997	1998
Accuracy rates (in percents)				
OASI payments:				
Index of dollar accuracy.....	99.8	99.7	99.8	(1)
Post-entitlement payment change accuracy ²	98.7	98.4	98.0	(1)
Payment review/ stewardship results:				
Excess payments.....	99.9	99.8	99.9	(1)
Underpayments.....	99.9	99.8	99.9	(1)
SSI payments: ³				
Index of dollar accuracy ⁴	94.8	93.4	93.0	(1)
Post-eligibility.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Payment review/ stewardship results:				
Excess payments.....	95.7	94.5	94.7	(1)
Underpayments.....	98.6	98.8	98.9	(1)
Disability Insurance benefits: ⁵				
Initial claims.....	94.2	94.5	94.0	93.7
Allowances.....	96.0	96.5	95.9	96.1
Denials.....	93.4	93.6	93.1	92.3
Reconsideration.....	91.7	92.7	92.3	91.6
Reversals of denials.....	96.2	95.6	94.0	95.6
Affirmations of denials.....	91.0	92.3	92.0	90.9
Use of 800 telephone number (1-800-772-1213)				
Calls received (number in millions).....	62.3	62.5	75.3	78.9
Average waiting time (in minutes).....	6.3	3.0	1.9	2.3

¹ Data not available.² Represents calendar year data.³ Excludes determinations of disability.⁴ Percentages exclude errors of less than \$5. Any payments to ineligible beneficiaries are included regardless of the dollar amount of the error.⁵ Represents cases free of decisional and documentation errors.